

The **Parks and Recreation Board** met Monday, July 18, 2005 at 4:30pm in the Board of Works Room at City Hall.

Present at said meeting were Paula Woods, Leon Trachtman, Nancy Offutt, and Attorney John Sorensen. Joe Payne, Pennie Ainsworth, Chris Foley, Lee Booth, Brian Tunis, Brenda Lorenz, and Cheryl Kolb represented the Department. Council members Gil Satterly and Ann Hunt were present. Absent were Park Board members Mike Dana, Garnet Peck, and Council member Gerry Keen.

Paula convened the Board at 4:35 pm.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the minutes of the June 20 meeting. Leon motioned the minutes be approved as presented. Nancy seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**Superintendent** – Joe reported on the following:

- Joe wished to thank all of the sponsors for contributing to a successful Park Board picnic:

J.L. Anderson Heating & Cooling  
Baumgartner & Company Asphalt Services  
Bank One  
Butler, Fairman and Seufert  
C & S Engineering  
Coca Cola Bottling Company  
Cyr Plumbing and Heating  
The Freije Company  
T.J. Gall & Associates  
Greeley & Hansen  
Hawkins Environmental  
Henriott Group  
Indiana Recreation Equipment & Design  
The Knop Corporation  
Mid-States General & Mechanical Contracting  
Milestone Contractors  
Mulhaupt's  
Musco Lighting  
Schneider Corporation  
Sneek-A-Peek Blind Company  
Sound Lab  
Spear Corporation  
Thompson Rayman Electric  
Wahl Architecture

- Joe also noted that the Council Report was included in the mailing, that the Tapawingo Dr. and Brown St. intersection is under construction (the concrete curbs are ready to be poured, as soon as a window in the weather permits), and that he received notice from the Downtown Business Center that the Lafayette Adult Reading Academy has decided not to go ahead with their Pizza Fest plans this year (scheduled to take place the Friday night before the Purdue/Notre Dame game in the Tapawingo Park area).

**Assistant Superintendent** – Pennie reported on the following:

- The Pony League has finished their season, and everything seemed to work well with them using the field. We received a letter from Bob McCulloch thanking the Parks department for letting them use the field. He said he would like to be at next month's Park Board meeting.
- The Men's softball tournament was supposed to start this evening, but has been delayed until Wednesday due to the rain. The Coed tournament will begin August 1.
- A current pool report was distributed to the Board members.

**Parks** – Lee reported on the following:

- Inspections (including June trail inspection).
- Installed new benches in Celery Bog and Cumberland Park.
- Installed new swing in Dubois Park.
- Prepared Tapawingo for Riverfest.
- Performed general maintenance in all parks.

**Recreation** – Chris reported on the following:

New sports camps this year included:

- Cheerleading Camp with Natalie Grecu, the West Lafayette Schools Cheerleading coach. Ten children participated in the camp that was held June 20-24.
- Soccer Camp, instructed by the West Lafayette High School varsity coach, Jennie Moppert, was held June 20-24, for boys & girls in grades 1-8. Forty-one children participated.
- West Lafayette Varsity Boys Basketball coach, Dave Wood, offered a basketball camp for grades 2-8, June 27-July 1. Sixty-seven boys participated in this weeklong camp.
- Kiddie Carnival was held Monday, July 11 at Cumberland school. The cost for all carnival games is 25 cents, and everyone is a winner. The Playground staff worked the carnival games. Coke donated product for the ring toss game.
- Riverfest was held in Tapawingo Park on Saturday, July 9. The West Lafayette team won both races against the Lafayette team. Of the twenty dragon boat racers, fourteen were Parks & Recreation employees.
- Municipal Pool – Swim lessons will continue through August 5. The last day for the swimming pool will be Sunday, August 14.

**Morton Center** – Brenda reported on the following:

- The Morton Center registration total for the summer session is now 1,002 compared to last year's total, at this point, 1,313, a decrease of 23%. We still have a number of classes that will be beginning between now and the middle of August.
- We have collected proposals for the fall programs at Morton. We are still verifying a few details and have forwarded the current information that we have for use in the brochure.

**Beautification & Stewardship** – Brian reported on the following:

- Constructed landscaping mounds and installed plants at Celery Bog Nature Area.
- Tree pruning and clearance in Happy Hollow Park.
- Weeding, watering, and mulching.
- Cut up and removed storm damage at Trailhead Park.
- Landscaping installed at Tapawingo Park playground and Happy Hollow Park restroom building.

## **Old Business**

### **Wabash Corridor Projects**

Joe reported that Lee, Brian, and the maintenance crew have been very busy getting plantings done and making the Tapawingo Park and Overlook area looking as nice as possible. As mentioned previously, work on the Tapawingo Dr. and Brown St. intersection is underway; the intersection will be finished before school begins and work will continue on the rest of Brown St. between the intersection and the Overlook into the fall. We are beginning work on the Wabash Heritage Trail trailside park, which is the name for bid purposes only, at Williamsburg on the Wabash Apartments and the Wabash Pond.

Joe also provided an update for the Northwest Greenway Trail improvements. In Cumberland Park, we will be adding new benches on the recently completed bench pads, and we have added a concrete pad that improves the intersection of the trail piece that loops around the basketball courts to the shelter and the Farmer's Market area. Paving of the piece along Kalberer between Salisbury and Soldiers Home Road is finished, and we are working on the signing. The piece along Cumberland and Kent is almost as far along; additional landscaping work will be done this fall. The concrete pad at the end of the trail, at what we have been calling the State Farm park, should get underway this month. Almost weekly, things get a little further along with the piece that was built by Westminster, which ties onto the piece that we built along George Davis Manor and Friendship House. We are also hopeful that we are getting close to obtaining an easement agreement with the out-of-state owners of the Sagamore Park Centre property to allow us to finish the extension to provide access to the grocery store and other businesses.

Joe also noted that the purchase agreement for the additional lot for the Lincoln Park site would likely need to be assigned to the Foundation or to another entity to facilitate using grant funds for the property acquisition, and the Board concurred that this be done as needed.

### **River City Fencing Club**

Brenda reported revisions were made to the lease agreement, and the Fencing Club has signed and returned the agreement. Brenda requested the Park Board's signatures so that the group can begin rental on August 1. Upon completion of the lease agreement, they will be renting room 102 for \$700.00 per month.

## **New Business**

### **Proposed Softball Field Use Rental Fee**

Pennie presented a request to raise the current fee of \$60.00 per field, per day to \$75.00 per field, per day. We currently do not have a policy for lights use, so we are requesting to implement a lights use fee of \$30.00 per hour, per field, to be used no later than 11:00pm. Leon motioned to approve the requested fee structure for use of the softball fields as presented. Nancy seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

### **Greater Lafayette Recreational Soccer Alliance**

Pennie received a request from the Greater Lafayette Recreational Soccer Alliance requesting use of the Cumberland soccer field for this fall beginning August 9, 2005 through October 16, 2005. Practices are Monday-Friday, from 3:30 to Dusk and games

are on Saturday from 8:00am to 4:00pm. Jim Bollock, president of the association, has signed the request. There is an agreement between the two soccer groups for the field area being used by one another. We expect to receive the other group's request by next month. Pennie reported that we do have a Certificate of Liability Insurance on file. Nancy motioned to approve the request from the Greater Lafayette Recreational Soccer Alliance as presented. Leon seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

### **West Lafayette School Board**

Nancy reported the Board approved the band room project that will be designed using the auxiliary gym area. In place of Larry Reed's position opening, Johnson Controls will take over for the next six months. If the person they put in place leaves the position, it will be Johnson Controls responsibility to fill the position.

### **Wabash River**

Paula reported the local group would be meeting the second Thursday in August. Joe reported that those that attended the Park Board luncheon were able to meet the new Wabash River Enhancement Corporation director, Stan Lambert. He formerly worked at Greencastle and at Richmond as the Parks & Recreation Superintendent. He will be relocating here. His office is located in the Depot and does not have established hours as of yet. He does not have a computer, but does have a cellular phone, if someone needs to reach him. We will provide updates as we have them. If anyone has questions, they are welcome to direct them through Joe. Lafayette is providing space for Mr. Lambert; we may include him in part of our city's cellular phone plan. At this point, everyone is pitching in to help put all of this together.

### **Others**

N/A

### **Purchase Orders**

N/A

### **Pay Claims**

Leon motioned that claims be paid. Nancy seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.

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Presiding Officer

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Secretary